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NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXPOSITION - SECOND
INTERIM REPORT

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1. TWO IMPORTANT ADVANCES: GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO HAS ANNOUNCED DECISION TO BE OFFICIALLY REPRESENTED AT SPOKANE EXPOSITION. ALSO, GOVERNMENT OF CANADA HAS JUST MADE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT IN OTTAWA OF INTENT TO HAVE OFFICIAL EXHIBIT WITH WESTERN PROVINCES OF CANADA.

2. OTHER IMPORTANT NEGOTIATIONS GOING FORWARD IN TEHRAN, SINGAPORE, MANILA, AND HONG KONG, AS WELL AS IN MADRID. MEXICAN PARTICIPATION OPENS POSSIBILITY OF PARTICIPATION BY BRAZIL, VENEZUELA, PERU AND COLOMBIA.

3. AS APPROPRIATE, ADDRESSEE POSTS SHOULD DO WHATEVER POSSIBLE TO ENCOURAGE FAVORABLE RESOLUTION QUESTION OF EUROPEAN PARTICIPATION AT SPOKANE. SOUNDINGS TAKEN OF EUROPEAN EMBASSIES BY COMMISSIONER GENERAL HENDERSON AND

UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE JOHN TABOR IN WASHINGTON INDICATE DEFINITE BRITISH INTEREST IN COMING INTO EUROPEAN EXHIBIT BUILDING IF ANOTHER EUROPEAN NATION MAKES AN AFFIRMATIVE DECISION. GIVEN SPAIN'S INITIATIVE, IT WOULD APPEAR WORTHWHILE TO REAPPROACH - PERHAPS FOR THE LAST TIME - OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE BEEN WAITING ON FRENCH DECISION. OF THESE, BELGIUM, NETHERLANDS AND WEST GERMANY SEEM MOST LIKELY CANDIDATES.

4. EXPECT HAVE READING OF FRENCH SITUATION WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. RUSH

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